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Tim,

Attached is the information I came up with during the records search of Beck's Lake. The half street on the west side of the area (Park) is called Lake Street. It went from Washington Street to half way up towards Linden where it terminated. According to a 1901 Plat of the area (attached), the street terminated at what was identified as LaSalle Lake.

LaSalle Lake is shown as bounded by:

to the West: Falcon St.

to the South: a proposed street north of Washington St.

to the East: a line continued north from the intersection of Kentucky and Washington

to the North: the Lake appears to continue north of Linden Ave. (extent not shown)

Therefore, LaSalle Lake occupied the current LaSalle Park where the recreation center and playground are located.

Tax Assessor's records show the parcels north of the park (where the lake would have continued) is currently owned by Michiana Industrial Park (owned by Roy F. Woodruff of Woodruff & Son's - an excavation contractor). Michiana Industrial Park acquired the parcels from Roy Woodruff in 1973 who acquired them from Colpaert Realty in 1969.

In the 1939 Aerial, it looks like a portion of the Lake still exists (northeast part) with noticeable fill at the southeast corner. In the 1951 Aerial, it looks like the entire lake is filled in. Beck's Lake appears to have been formed sometime between 1965 and 1973.

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